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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Crompton Corporation of One American Way, Greenwich, Connecticut 06831, a Delaware corporation, is the sole and exclusive owner, by assignment, of the following Letters Patent and application for letters patent of the United States of America: U.S. Patent No. 6,740,686, issued on May 25, 2004, and U.S. Application No. 10/667,190, filed on September 17, 2003; and

WHEREAS, BASF Aktiengesellschaft of 67056 Ludwigshafen, Germany, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Country of Germany (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said Letters Patent and application for letters patent and the inventions described therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledge, Crompton Corporation by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest for the territory of the United States of America, in and to the aforesaid Letters Patent and in and to the aforesaid application for letters patent and the inventions described therein and in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor and in and to any and all divisions, continuations, substitutions and renewals thereof, and in and to any and all reissues of said Letters Patent to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent have been granted or may be granted the same to be held and enjoyed by the ASSIGNEE for the use and behoof of said ASSIGNEE, and for the use and behoof of their successors, assigns or other legal representatives to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent have been or may be granted, and for claims for damage by reason of

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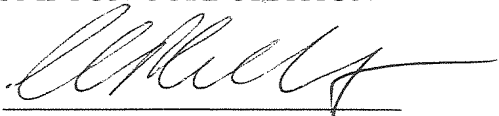
infringement past and present, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this Assignment and sale not been made.

Crompton Corporation further authorizes and requests the Patent Office Officials in the United States and its territorial possessions to issue any and all Letters Patent resulting from the aforesaid application for letters patent or any divisions or continuations thereof, when granted, to ASSIGNEES as the assignees of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Crompton Corporation, has caused these presents to be signed by its officer thereunto duly authorized.

CROMPTON CORPORATION

Date: 20. Nov. 2006

By:   
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